

GOD SENT US TO YOU! Pt. 3
When God Sends Us!
Sermon Outline
August 26, 2018

Text – **Exodus 3: 10-15**

Reading Schedule:

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>8/26</i>	<i>Proverbs Ch. 26; Exodus 3: 1-22</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>8/27</i>	<i>Proverbs Ch. 27; Matthew 25: 31-40</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>8/28</i>	<i>Proverbs Ch. 28; Mark 16: 9-20</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>8/29</i>	<i>Proverbs Ch. 29; John 15: 1-27</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>8/30</i>	<i>Proverbs Ch. 30; John 6: 1-24</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>8/31</i>	<i>Proverbs Ch. 31; John 6: 25-40</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>9/1</i>	<i>Proverbs Ch. 1; Matthew 8: 1-17</i>

Read: **Exodus 3: 1-4 & 10-15**

Exodus 3: 1-4 & 10-15 – *Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ² There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. ³ So Moses thought, “I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up.”*

⁴ *When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, “Moses! Moses!”*

And Moses said, “Here I am.”

¹⁰ *So now, go. **I am sending^(Z) you** to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.”^(AA)*

¹¹ *But Moses said to God, “Who am I^(AB) that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”*

¹² *And God said, “I will be with you.^(AC) **And this will be the sign^(AD) to you that it is I who have sent you:** When you have brought the people*

out of Egypt, you^[b] will worship God on this mountain.^(AE)”

¹³ Moses said to God, “Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘**The God of your fathers has sent me to you,**’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’^(AF) Then what shall I tell them?”

¹⁴ God said to Moses, “I am who I am.^[c] This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘**I am^(AG) has sent me to you.**’”

¹⁵ God also said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord,^[d] the God of your fathers^(AH)—**the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob^(AI)—has sent me to you.**’

GOD SENT US TO YOU!

There are three questions we’re addressing in this series of messages:

1. To whom has God sent us?
2. When has God sent us?
3. How does God send us?

1. To whom has God sent us?

a. **Mt. 25: 31-40** – to the least of these...

i. **Matthew 25: 35-36** – ‘For I was hungry...thirsty...a stranger... needed clothes...sick...in prison.’

ii. Neighbors – **Luke 10: 33 & 36**– But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him...“Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”

1. didn’t look like,
2. not same religion,
3. not same ethnic background –
4. those in need –

5. friends and family!

b. If you'll get the least of these, I'll send the rest of these!

2. When has God sent us?

IN THE FULLNESS OF GOD'S WILL!

a. Chronos – linear, chronological time, contrasted with the other Greek word for time,

b. Kairos, meaning the indeterminate moment that is right for something to occur;

i. **Indeterminate** means the moment is unknown, unspecified, unstipulated, and unstated.

ii. Right means, critical, or **opportune moment**.

iii. You can't anticipate it or know it until it happens.

1. It's a burning bush

2. It's that thing God compels you to do.

3. It's the invitation to lead, to serve, to surrender!

4. It's the clap of God's hands in your life.

5. It's the indeterminate, opportune moment.

a. Your purpose is tied to Kairos!

i. For so many of us, we're operating in our purpose today.

2. How does God send us?

a. Exodus 3: 12 – ¹² *And God said, "I will be with you.^(AC) **And this will be the sign^(AD) to you that it is I who have sent you...***

b. God sends us with Signs – miracles, signs, wonders.

- i. God sends Moses with a sign and produces miracles and wonders.
 - ii. A sign refers to a prediction or forewarning of a natural or super natural event.
 - iii. Wonders refers to phenomena that cause astonishment.
 - iv. Miracles refers to actual events that happen and cannot be explained rationally.
- c. God goes outside the chronological order and beyond the natural order to establish God's order.
- i. out of chronos – and into Kairos
 - ii. supersedes the laws of nature – SUPERNATURAL
- d. **PRINCIPLE #1 *God sends us with the Holy Spirit!***
- i. **John 15: 26-27** – “*When the Advocate^(AL) comes, whom I will send to you from the Father^(AM)—the Spirit of truth^(AN) who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me.^(AO) 27 And you also must testify,^(AP) for you have been with me from the beginning.^(AQ)*”
 - ii. The work of Holy Spirit in the Church is to bring those who don't believe into belief that Jesus Christ is Creator God and Savior and coming Judge of all creation.
 - iii. This is God's kingdom building design for the Church.
- e. **PRINCIPLE #2 *Signs and wonders are to accompany the Church, the Body of Christ, for non-believers to believe.***
- i. **Mark 16: 14-20** – ¹⁴*Later Jesus appeared to the Eleven as they were eating...*

¹⁵ He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation...¹⁷ And these signs^(N) will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons;^(Q) they will speak in new tongues;^(P) ¹⁸ they will pick up snakes^(Q) with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on^(R) sick people, and they will get well.”

¹⁹ After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven^(S) and he sat at the right hand of God.^(T) ²⁰ Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs^(U) that accompanied it.

f. **PRINCIPLE #4** *Miracles burst forth out of the moist, cold soil of human tragedy. Moist with tears and cold with hopelessness...*

- i. The kingdom of God expands as Jesus sends us to those He went to.
- ii. Where there is suffering, there's good soil
- iii. Where there is sickness, there's good soil
- iv. Where there is poverty, there's good soil
- v. Where there is hopelessness, there's good soil
- vi. Where there is injustice, there's good soil

g. **PRINCIPLE #4** *God does the miracles, signs, and wonders – not us!*

- i. *“I do not use you for material for miracles; I make miracles out of My Own Being. I allow you to watch Me after you thoroughly understand that it is I who am supernatural, not you. You do not have to be other*

than what I created you: human. You are only obligated to do that for which I created you: glorify Me. Stand back! Let God be God. Let Man be man.” Come Away My Beloved – Frances J. Roberts

- ii. The book of Acts is not the acts of the Apostles, it is the acts of the Holy Spirit in bringing the kingdom of God “on earth, as it is in heaven!”

h. PRINCIPLE #5 WE ONLY BELIEVE!

- i. John 6: 28–29 – *Then they asked him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?” Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.”*

- ii. The greatest doing is believing —

- 1. believing in Jesus the sent one,
- 2. the One who has done it all for you at the cross!

- iii. “What must I do to receive my healing?”

- 1. The answer is this:
- 2. Believe in Jesus, who “He took our infirmities and bore our diseases”. (Matthew 8: 17)

- iv. The greatest miracle in your life happens not by you working and trying to save yourself, but by you simply believing in Jesus who died for you. Why then, should the lesser miracles be any different?

- 1. Why shouldn’t you receive your healing?
- 2. Why shouldn’t you receive your financial breakthroughs?

3. Why shouldn't that ministry that everyone else thought was impossible become a reality?
 4. Why shouldn't the violence cease in Chicago and in every city?
 5. Why shouldn't there be equal educational opportunity in all neighborhoods of our City?
 6. Why shouldn't children have the love, provision, and safety of a mother and a father?
 7. Why shouldn't drug addictions cease?
 8. Why shouldn't sex trafficking cease?
 9. Why shouldn't this church grow the ministries that change this city, state, country, and world?
 10. GOD WANTS US TO BELIEVE!
- v. What's the miracle you need today? There's nothing left for you to do, but everything for you to believe, because Jesus has done it all for you!
- i. prophetic – God acting outside of chronos and the natural order to bring God's people back to God!
 - i. Foretelling looks to the future (expectation/anticipation).
 - ii. Forthtelling looks to the past and present (confirmation).
 - iii. It's not about the gift, it's about the Giver of the gift.

j. prayer– **outside of time** – **John 11: 41-42** – *So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up^(AS) and said, “Father,^(AT) I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here,^(AU) that they may believe that you sent me.”*;

- i. “thank you, Lord” is first
- ii. acknowledge God
- iii. pray God’s will/word
- iv. draws people back to God

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Acts 2: 14-22 – salvation comes through Him whom God accredited to us by miracles, wonders, and signs. God's formula is miracles, wonders, and signs to make the world know that God is God.

1. **Acts 14: 1-3** - Paul and Barnabas spent considerable time in Iconium speaking boldly for the Lord who confirmed the message of His grace by enabling them to do miraculous signs and wonders.